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The Embassy's telegrams Nos. 113 and 114 reported President SOMOZA's fear that if Ydígoras Fuentes came to power in Guatemala, Communists who were supporting him might eventually dominate him. The Departmental memorandum of conversation of October 25, 1957 between Ambassador SEVILLA Sacasa and Assistant Secretary RUBOTTOM reports that the Ambassador seems to be strongly opposed to Ydígoras. In justice to both Ydígoras and the Nicaraguan Government it seems desirable to record the details of President Somoza's attitude toward him.

In his conversations with me about the Guatemalan situation the President was careful to emphasize that he had no objection to Ydígoras personally, thought him to be sound, and even considered him a friend. His fear was centered entirely on a strong doubt that Ydígoras could control the pro-Communist elements who he understood had attached themselves to him. As a matter of fact, he said, he had received a friendly letter from Ydígoras only a few days before requesting financial assistance in the latter's campaign. He said he had replied in a friendly way, expressing regret that because of Nicaragua's current financial difficulties he did not have any money available for this purpose.

It is of incidental interest that the President said he thought Ydígoras had probably also asked TRUJILLO for money and was sure that if he had done so Trujillo had given it to him.

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